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I would like to remind you about a luncheon meeting with Jordan's Labor Minister, Dr. Gazi Shbaikat, on Monday, October 26, in New York. The event will provide an opportunity for representatives of U.S. retailers, brands, and trade associations to take part in a discussion with the Minister regarding the labor situation in Jordan, including the ILO/IFC Better Work Program. The event is sponsored by the American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA) and the United States Association of Importers of Textiles and Apparel (USA-ITA).

**LUNCHEON WITH MINISTER GAZI SHBAIKAT  
MINISTRY OF LABOR, KINGDOM OF JORDAN**

**DATE:** Monday - October 26, 2009  
**TIME:** 12:00-2:00 pm  
**VENUE:** Jones Jeanswear Group  
1441 Broadway, 10th Floor  
New York, New York 10018

Since 2006, the Government of Jordan, and in particular, the Ministry of Labor, has been implementing a comprehensive program of reforms focused on compliance in the apparel sector in the Qualifying Industrial Zones (QIZs). In February 2008, the Ministry released its first report on the steps taken. At the event, the Minister will provide an updated report.

Kindly RSVP by Friday, October 16, or let AAFA or USA-ITA know you plan to attend. Thank you and I hope that you will be part of this event. If you have any questions please do not hesitate contact me at 202-393-4481 ext. 202 or at [ludwika@ssa-dc.com](mailto:ludwika@ssa-dc.com).

Best Regards,

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